way. During inspection on leakage of the gas was detected. Hence the above incident could not have been foreseen.

(d) Due to this incident oven pushing at Coke Oven was restricted and subsequent units suffered on account of shortage of Coke oven Gas. Production normalised on 15/07/1996.

(e) The details of oven pushing, production of saleable steel and primary bye-products during June, 1996 and July, 1996 are as under :

Item	Unit	June, 1996	July, 1996
Oven Pushing	No.	15629	13369
Saleable Steel	,000 Tonnes	215	245
Amm. Sullphate	Tonnes	2606	256
Crude Tar	Tonnes	7308	6374
Crude Benzole	Kilo Litres	1100	50

Catering Service to Private Contractors

2990. SHRI RATILAL KALIDAS VARMA : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have envisaged a plan to hand over the railway services to private conrtractors;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of trains running to and fro in Gujarat and likely to be provided with such facility?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) to (c) The present catering policy provides that new catering/vending services including those in Gujarat will be managed through licencees in the private sector.

[Translation]

Development of Railway Stations in Madhya Pradesh

2991. SHRI PAWAN DIWAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria adopted for selection of Railway Station for developing them as Model Railway Station;

(b) whether the Government have selected some Railway Stations in Madhya Pradesh for developing them as Model Railway Stations; and

(c) if so, the names of those stations the amount allocated for each station and the extent of work completed thereon, separately?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) : (a) There is no such scheme in vogue at present

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

[English]

Post Offices in Bihar

2992. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages without Post Offices in Bihar; and

(b) the number of Post Offices likely to be opened in Bihar during the year 1997-98?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA) : (a) The number of villages without Post Offices in Bihar is 66696.

(b) Post Offices are opened as a Plan activity subject to availability of resources and fulfilment of norms. The target for opening of Post Offices are allocated Circle-wise under Annual Plans on year to year basis. These have not been finalised yet.

Upgradation of Doordarshan Kendra Nagpur Maharashtra

2993. SHRI ANNASAHIB M.K. PATIL : Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to commercialise-upgrade/modernise Nagpur Doordarshan Kendra;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the present status of the proposal; and

(d) the details of the projects under implementation in the State, location-wise?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. The existing Studio Centre at Nagpur is being upgradad with the setting up of a Studio of the size of 150 sq. mts. alongwith asociated equipment. Building for the new Studio has been constructed and installation of equipment is in progress. The Studio set up is expected to be completed during 1997-98.

(d) The requisite details are given in the attached Statement.

Statement

Location wise details of T.V. Projects under Implementation in the State of Maharashtra (as on 1.3.1997)

TV Projects	Location
1	2
Programme Production Centres	(PPCs):
	Bombay (Expansion)
	Nagpur (Augmentation)
	Pune